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TO: School Superintendents, Principals, CTE Directors

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SUBJECT: Career & Technical Education Funding

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As we look forward to a new year, the IDOE Division of College and Career Preparation is beginning a three year process of reviewing, revising and aligning all Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses into state-approved Indiana Career Pathways (also called Programs of Study).

Pathway Work Groups comprised of CTE teachers, CTE directors, administrators, IDOE specialists, and postsecondary and business and industry representatives from each subject area have begun meeting to determine which secondary and postsecondary courses comprise each Pathway.

Despite rumors to the contrary, all CTE courses in the current funding crosswalk will remain for the 2010-11 school year. The Career Pathways Work Groups, along with a finance team comprised of representatives of superintendents, CTE teachers, and CTE directors will be reviewing the CTE funding crosswalk for future years with the goal of maintaining CTE funding at current levels.

In this three year process some new CTE courses may be added to the funding crosswalk while other courses may be revised or removed. The outcome will be determined by the work groups and finance committee. We anticipate all new Career Pathways will be ready for implementation in the 2013-14 school year.

We appreciate and acknowledge the value of college and career courses that build students' skills for succeeding in the 21st century. We believe this transition will be positive for students and for Career & Technical Education programs around the state.

The attached Questions and Answers document provides more information. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Career & Technical Education. If you have questions or comments, please contact Julie Yeater at jyeater@doe.in.gov or 317-232-9189.